

Remarks

Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the present application in view of the above amendments and following remarks. Claims 1, 6 and 9-49 have been cancelled. Therefore, claims 2-5, 7 and 8 are pending in the present application.

Claims 23, 35, 46 and 47 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(a) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 5,957,114 to Johnson et al. ("the Johnson reference"). Claims 23, 35, 46 and 47 have been cancelled, therefore this rejection is moot.

Claims 21, 23, 35, 46 and 47 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 6,237,574 to Jamrog et al. ("the Jamrog reference"). Claims 21, 23, 35, 46 and 47 have been cancelled, therefore this rejection is moot.

Claims 10-13 and 36-40 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over the Johnson reference in further view of U.S. Patent No. 5,914,294 to Park et al. ("the Park reference"). Claims 10-13 and 36-40 have been cancelled, therefore this rejection is moot.

Claims 10-13, 26-29, 34, 36-40 and 45 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over the Jamrog reference in view of the Park reference. Claims 10-13, 26-29, 34, 36-40 and 45 have been cancelled, therefore this rejection is moot.

Claims 21, 26-29, 34 and 45 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over the Johnson reference in view of the Park reference, and in

further view of U.S. Patent No. 3,964,875 to Chang et al. ("the Chang reference").

Claims 21, 26-29, 34 and 45 have been cancelled, therefore the rejection of these claims is moot.

Claims 14-16 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over either the Johnson or Jamrog references in view of the Park reference, and in further view of U.S. Patent No. 4,386,947 to Mizuno et al. ("the Mizuno reference"). Claims 14-16 have been cancelled, therefore the rejection of these claims is moot.

Claims 17-20, 30-33 and 41-44 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over either the Johnson or Jamrog references in view of the Park reference, and in further view of U.S. Patent No. 6,097,011 to Gadkaree et al. ("the Gadkaree reference"). Claims 17-20, 30-33 and 41-44 have been cancelled, therefore the rejection of these claims is moot.

Applicants acknowledge the allowance of claims 2-5, 7 and 8.

Conclusion

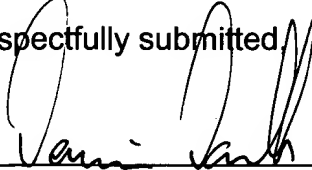
In light of the foregoing, Applicants submit that claims 2-5, 7 and 8 are in condition for allowance and such allowance is respectfully requested. Should the Examiner feel that any unresolved issues remain in this case, the undersigned may be contacted at the telephone number listed below to arrange for an issue resolving conference.

Applicants do not believe that any fee is due at this time, however, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fee that may have been

overlooked to Deposit Account No. 10-0223.

Respectfully submitted,

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